

current year (1997-98) in Telecommunication and Postal sector are likely to be completed by 31.3.98 during the Annual Plan period.

Statement-I

The details of important development works in Telecommunication planned in Madhya Pradesh during the current year (1997-98) are as under :

S.No	Name of item	Annual Plan target for 1997-98
1.	Net Switching Capacity	88000 lines
2.	Direct Exchange Lines	70000 Nos.
3.	TAX Capacity (gross)	26000 Lines.
4.	Village Public Telephones	5500 Nos.

Statement-II

Details of important developmental works identified in the postal sector in Madhya Pradesh during the current year are :

1. Target for opening of 2 departmental sub post offices and 37 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices has been set.

Post offices are sanctioned subject to fulfillment of income, population and distance norms. In M.P. only three Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices have been sanctioned during the year.

2. Installation of 80 multi purpose counter machines in 45 Post Offices in Madhya Pradesh is envisaged.
3. Ten extended Satellite Money Order centres are to be linked with the Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) at indore, for on line receipt and transmission of Money Orders.
4. On going projects, in respect of construction of postal buildings and staff quarters are the priority for the current year. No new project has been taken up so far during the current year.

Utilisation Capacity of Andal Sainthia Section

241. DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) the utilisation capacity of the Andal-Sainthia section of Eastern Railways;

(b) the planning of the Railways to increase the frequency of Andal-Sainthia DMUs;

(c) whether the Government are considering to construct double rail line and electrify this section;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the manner in which the Government are considering for better utilisation of this section ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) The utilisation capacity of Andal-Sainthia section is as under :

Andal-Ukhra (12.01 Km)	—	100%
Ukhra-Pandabeswar (8.33 km)	—	65.2%
Pandabeswar-Sainthia (53.06 km)	—	78.6%

(b) There is no proposal at present.

(c) From Andal to Pandabeswar twin line already exists. Doubling of Pandabeswar-Sainthia section is not being considered at present. There is no proposal to electrify Andal-Sainthia line.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) As utilisation depends on demand of transport, the same will improve as the demand for transport originating on and via this route increases.

Waiting List in Assam

242. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of persons who are in the waiting list seeking telephone connections in Assam, exchange-Wise;

(b) whether the Government have drawn any time-bound programme to provide them telephone connections;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by when the waiting list is likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The total number of persons in Assam waiting for new telephone connections is 24827 as on 31.3.97. The exchange-wise waiting list position is indicated in the Statement enclosed.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) There is a plan to provide 35000 new connections and switching capacity addition of 44000 lines during the year 1997-98. With this, the waiting list as on 31.3.97 is likely to be cleared in most of the exchanges during 1997-98.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of Exchange	Waiting List
1	2	3
1.	Abhayapuri	95
2.	Agomoni	16
3.	Algapur	10
4.	Amguri	38
5.	Amingaon	102
6.	Arunachal	31
7.	(I) B. Chariali	5
	(II) B. Chariali	0
8.	Badarpur	162
9.	Badulipar	7
10.	Baihata	7
11.	Bakulia	2
12.	Balipara	3
13.	Bamunbari	8
14.	Bariagram	70
15.	Barama	29
16.	Barbarua	12
17.	Barpathar	9
18.	Barpeta Rd.	80
19.	Barpeta Tn.	60
20.	Baskandi	29
21.	Basugaon	2
22.	Bazarghat	22

1	2	3
23.	Bazarichera	36
24.	Bebejia	87
25.	Bediti	8
26.	Beharabazar	0
27.	Bengtoll	24
28.	Bhangabazar	63
29.	Bhootiachung	0
30.	Bihupuria	63
31.	Bijni	33
32.	Bijoynagar	80
33.	Bilashipara	124
34.	Bogribari	1
35.	Bokajan	31
36.	(I) Bokakhat	0
	(II) Bokakhat	142
37.	Boko	15
38.	(I) Bongaigaon	580
	(II) Bongaigaon	0
39.	Borgong	12
40.	Borhapjan	35
41.	Borholla	12
42.	Borjan	6
43.	Borjatrapur	2
44.	Borjhar	8
45.	Borkhola	10
46.	Borkula	16
47.	Chabua	71
48.	Chamata	10
49.	Chandrapur	16

1	2	3
50.	Chapakhowa	18
51.	Chapar	27
52.	Chaygaon	3
53.	Damcherra	0
54.	Darranga	1
55.	Denow	65
56.	Deomornoigao	3
57.	Dergaon	236
58.	Dewan	0
59.	Dhakuakhana	13
60.	Dhaligaon	63
61.	(I) Dhekiajuli	0
	(II) Dhekiajuli	68
62.	(I) Dhemaji	62
	(II) Dhemaji	0
63.	Dhing	38
64.	Dholaibazar	13
65.	Dholaibil	0
66.	Dhubri	428
67.	Dhupdhara	13
68.	(I) Dibrugarh	0
68.	(II) Dibrugarh	680
69.	Digboi	160
70.	Dikom	23
71.	Dikrong	30
72.	Dinjan	34
73.	(I) Diphu	155
	(II) Diphu	0
74.	Doboka	15
75.	Donkamokum	6

1	2	3
76.	Doomdoooma	35
77.	Dotma	6
78.	Dr. Universit	40
79.	Duaband	14
80.	Dudnoi	3
81.	Duliajan	132
82.	Dhullavcherra	8
83.	Fakirabazar	59
84.	Fakiragram	13
85.	Furkating	0
86.	Gahigaon	10
87.	Garmur	4
88.	Gauripur	99
89.	Gaurisagar	34
90.	(I) GH-Adabari	247
	(II) GH-Dispur	2996
	(III) GH-Noonmati	50
	(IV) GH-Panbazar	0
	(v) GH-Panbazar	3751
	(VI) GH-Ulubari	0
91.	Ghilamara	0
92.	Ghoramara	21
93.	(I) Goalpara	224
	(II) Goalpara	0
94.	Gogamukh	5
95.	Gohpur	54
96.	Golaghat	193
97.	Golakganj	0
98.	Goraimari	87
99.	Goreswar	1

1	2	3
100.	Gossaigaon	10
101.	Guijan	6
102.	(I) Haflong	188
	(II) Haflong	0
103.	Hailakandi	90
104.	Hajo	17
105.	Hamren	4
106.	Harangajao	2
107.	Hatsinghimar	7
108.	Hojai	180
109.	Hoogrija	5
110.	Howly	37
111.	Howraghat	3
112.	Itakhola	0
113.	(I) Jagiroad	97
	(II) Jagiroad	0
114.	Jagun	9
115.	Jaipur	3
116.	Jajori	48
117.	Jamaguri	7
118.	Jamunamukh	15
119.	Jirighat	3
120.	Jogighopa	15
121.	Jogijan	22
122.	Jonai	3
123.	Jorabat	48
124.	Jorhat	575
125.	Juria	33
126.	Kakajan	19
127.	Kakapathar	21

1	2	3
128.	Kaki	16
129.	Kalag	19
130.	Kalaigaon	0
131.	Kalain	22
132.	Kalgachia	0
133.	Kaliganj Ba.	40
134.	Kamalabari	31
135.	Kampur	94
136.	Kanikargaon	3
137.	(I) Karimganj	0
	(II) Karimganj	679
138.	Kathalguri	0
139.	Katlichera	44
140.	Kaziranga	7
141.	Khairababi	0
142.	Kharupetia	0
143.	Khat Khati	5
144.	Khetri	31
145.	Khowang	10
146.	Khumtai	6
147.	Kokrajhar	107
148.	Korcheng	17
149.	Kotamonibaza	4
150.	Kothiatoli	15
151.	Krishnai	6
152.	Kumbha	2
153.	Kutuha	1
154.	Kuwarital	25
155.	Lahoal	80
156.	Lahori Ghat	10

1	2	3
157.	Lakhipur	64
158.	Lakhipur	48
159.	Lakowa	27
160.	(I) Lala	0
	(II) Lala	62
161.	Laluk	10
162.	Langting	1
163.	Lanka	117
164.	Ledo	19
165.	Lekhapani	0
166.	Lumding	147
167.	Machkhowa	6
168.	Madhuramukh	0
169.	Mahisasan	54
170.	Mahur	2
171.	Maibela	14
172.	Maibong	12
173.	Makum	47
174.	Mangaldai	5
175.	Manikpur	22
176.	Manipur Baga	15
177.	Manja	5
178.	Mankachar	48
179.	Margherita	107
180.	Mariani	188
181.	Marigaon	50
182.	Mazbat	2
183.	Missamari	2
184.	Mohanbari	16
185.	Moirabari	26

1	2	3
186.	Monabug	0
187.	Monacherra	7
188.	Morajhar	40
189.	(I) Moranhat	0
	(II) Moranhat	147
190.	Motinagar	7
191.	Mukalmua	4
192.	Murphulani	0
193.	(I) N. Lakhimpur	0
	(II) N. Lakhimpur	10
194.	(I) Nagaon	1262
	(II) Nagaon	0
195.	(I) Naharkatia	0
	(II) Naharkatia	66
196.	Nakachari	12
197.	Nalbari	24
198.	Namrup	190
199.	Namti	32
200.	Natun bazar	24
201.	(I) Nazira	0
	(II) Nazira	251
202.	Nellie	25
203.	Nepco Kathal	0
204.	Nilambazar	119
205.	Nilbagan	6
206.	NRL	21
207.	Numaligarh	46
208.	Orang	12
209.	Palongghat	8
210.	Panikheti	11

1	2	3
211.	Panitola	30
212.	Patacharkuch	72
213.	Patharkandi	130
214.	Pathsala	79
215.	Pavoicharal	2
216.	Phillobari	7
217.	Punigaon	16
218.	Puranigudam	79
219.	R.K. Nagar	15
220.	Raha	73
221.	Rajabazar	0
222.	Rajgarh	36
223.	Rajnagar	2
224.	Rangachakua	2
225.	(I) Rangapara	38
	(II) Rangapara	0
226.	(I) Rangia	0
	(II) Rangia	74
227.	Rowta	9
228.	Rupahi	56
229.	S..Dev Nagar	6
230.	Saikhowaghat	5
231.	Salakati	20
232.	Salchapra	11
233.	Salona	7
234.	Samaguri	35
235.	Sapatgram	35
236.	Sapekhati	3
237.	Sarabari	2
238.	Sarthebari	4

1	2	3
239.	Sarupathar	15
240.	Sarupeta	16
241.	Sepon	20
242.	Sibsagar	1091
243.	Silapathar	60
244.	(I) Silchar	2319
	(II) Silchar	0
245.	Singri	0
246.	Sipajhar	5
247.	Soalkuchi	30
248.	Sonabarighat	3
249.	Sonaimukh	8
250.	Sonapur	55
251.	Sonari	71
252.	Sootia	55
253.	Sorbhog	22
254.	Talap	21
255.	Tamarhat	0
256.	Tamulpur	0
257.	Tangla	5
258.	Tarabarihat	30
259.	Tengakhata	55
260.	Teok	53
261.	(I) Tezpur	0
	(II) Tezpur	652
262.	Thelamara	4
263.	Tihu	23
264.	Tilikium	49
265.	Ting Khong	7

	2	3
266. (I) Tinsukia		528
(II) Tinsukia		0
267. Titabar		38
268. Udalguri		20
269. Udharbond		22
270. Umrangshu		46
271. Uriamghat		0

Survey for Jhargram to Bankura Railway Line

243. SHRI RUP CHAND MURMU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey to connect Jhargram with Bankura by constructing a new railway line;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The survey to connect Jhargram to Bankura will be considered whenever a demand for the same is received by the Railways.

Phone on Demand

244. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "phone on demand to remain a dream" appearing in the "Indian Express" dated January 10, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts reported therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The National Telecom Policy 1994 envisages provision of telephone connections on demand by 1997 with Private Sector Supplementing the efforts of Department of Telecommu-

nications. However, there has been a delay in the entry of the Private Sector in the field of basic services and thus the objective of providing telephone on demand by 1997 is not possible. Department of Telecommunications has submitted 9th Five Year Plan Proposals to the Planning Commission for approval which envisages to provide telephone on demand during 9th Five Year Plan with Private Sector supplementing the efforts of the Government.

Wrong Telephone Bills

245. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :

SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that some of the consumers at phone lines 718 and 719 in North district have been receiving bills as per their old telephone numbers instead of new ones since 1995;

(b) whether these consumers have now been receiving arrear bill of thousands calls wrongly;

(c) the reasons therefor and the action taken to rectify the error;

(d) whether such wrong bills are not being corrected instantly and the consumers are harassed by AO (North) and the staff of Keshav Puram Exchange in the name of bringing actual meter reading; and

(d) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Subscribers received bills for old number for one billing cycle as it was due to be paid by them upto the date of cut-over or billing date for normal billing cycle for those numbers who had already been fed before the date of cut over i.e. 26.5.96.

(b) Calls from the date of cut over to 1st Billing cycle for new numbers were correctly charged on the basis of actual meter reading and no abnormal complaints of high calls were received.

(c) As date for billing cycle for old numbers had already been fed before cut-over, the subscribers received bills for old numbers for one billing cycle. Such a situation